

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

“ *This session shocked us into reality.* ”

“ *Academic misconduct is taken very seriously.* ”

Source: Open-ended feedback from participants in WLU Orientation Week Academic Integrity sessions, September 2004.



What is it?

- Presenting the work or ideas of others as one's own
- Copying answers from classmates during exams
- Misrepresenting the reasons for deferring an exam or assignment
- Turning in papers that were wholly or partly authored by others
- Self-plagiarism e.g., submitting the same piece of work for credit in more than one course without permission
- Helping others engage in academic misconduct
- Unauthorized collaboration e.g., working together without permission

Why should you care?

- Getting caught can be a traumatic, embarrassing and stressful experience
- You may lose the respect of your classmates
- Professors may hesitate to write a letter of reference for jobs, scholarships or graduate school
- It devalues your degree
- It harms the faculty-student relationship
- The punishment can be severe – e.g., suspension or expulsion from your program, cancellation or revocation of your degree

Where can you get help?

- Your professor
- Your teaching assistant
- University Calendars or visit www.wlu.ca/registrar
- Writing Centre or visit www.wlu.ca/writing
- Library or visit www.wlu.ca/library

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